

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

### Half-Term

We have reached the end of another half-term in lock down. I know how difficult these past few weeks have been for all our families and I dearly hope that we are able to open fully on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I, like you, will wait for the message from Government which tells us how we can approach opening all schools across the country. I know the measures we had in place in September are likely to still exist such as staggered start times and separate playtimes, but if that's what it takes then so be it. I will send out information when the picture is clearer. In the meantime school will continue to support our keyworker parents and most vulnerable pupils. I wanted to say how proud I am of all the hard-work the teachers have put in during this difficult and challenging time. I know how difficult it has been for them to do both home learning and face to face teaching whilst dealing with their own families and their needs. I am hopeful that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

### World Book Day Competition

We will be celebrating World Book day which takes place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. I know most of us won't be in school but that doesn't mean you can't dress up and enjoy sharing your favourite book with those around you. To promote this special day we challenge YOU to create 'A BOOK IN A JAR'. To enter the competition, we would like you to recreate a book scene inside a jar. Your completed story jars are to be brought into your classroom by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (fingers crossed we will be open). There will be one winner per class and the winning jars will be displayed in the school library, prizes will be given out in class.

You have to be in it, to win it... so get designing!!!

### Red Nose Day

It may seem like a long way away but this year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils will be able to come to school in non-uniform and there will be various activities taking place in class. You can make a donation into school and we will send all proceeds to Comic Relief, a fantastic charity that helps communities in need across the world.

### Message from Chair of Governors

I wanted to reach out to all parents, children and teachers as we enter the half term break. Each time I write I hope it's the last lockdown and the last time we have any restrictions placed on us but we never can tell what's

around the corner and how the guidance might change. However, I know that we are all doing what we can and what we think is the best for our families and I was heartened to read Mr Wingrove's honest and heartfelt newsletter at the end of January. I know that it helped me feel a less guilty about not being able to fully support all aspects of my children's home learning. It is difficult with three of us needing access to the wifi and challenging to prioritise if I have sessions to run for my students (I'm a lecturer at Birmingham City University).

I wanted to say thank you to all the parents who are supporting their children and being supportive of teachers as we all continue to navigate through this ongoing situation, but please do take note of Mr Wingrove's letter and only send your children into school if they are genuinely eligible to be there, so as to help Mr Wingrove run the school effectively with the resources that he has.

On behalf of the governors, I'd like to acknowledge the continued hard work and team spirit that all the staff are showing at Calshot, whilst also managing their own families' needs. Governors are continuing to meet regularly through zoom meetings, supporting and working with Mr Wingrove and Miss Atterbury through the challenges they face and are rising to admirably. We are very proud of everyone at Calshot and it's been great to see this recognised on BBC Midlands Today and Birmingham Mail.

I wish you are all able to have a break from your screens over half term, if it's possible to do so and weather permitting manage to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air and longer day as we head towards Spring and the positivity that the season brings.

Dharmesh Rajput (Chair of Governors)

I wish you all a warm and relaxing half-term holiday and I very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

